God's Providence Leads Freshman to Oakwood
by Isaac Olatunji Jr., Ph.D., adjunct professor, School of Religion

As a result of God's providence, Demetrius Brown, a freshman theology major at Oakwood University, joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church through baptism, on April 26, at the Stateline Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ardmore, Ala. A Chicago native, 23-year-old Demetrius made the greatest decision of his life on August 28, 2011, by accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior. Ever since, he has witnessed the providence of God in his life.

In sharing his testimony with Dr. Olatunji, adjunct professor in the School of Religion and pastor of Ardmore's Stateline Church, Demetrius said that from the day he accepted Jesus Christ, "He started to work on me, delivering me from marijuana, drinking, and also pre-marital sex. Although I grew up in a drug-infested area, the Lord delivered me from selling drugs. Even throughout my bad decisions in life the Lord still had a plan for my life.

"After my mother passed away in January of 2013, my agenda was to move to Huntsville and attend Alabama A&M to finish my communication degree. They never replied back to me so I searched the other schools in the area. Once I went on Oakwood's website I knew that it was the school for me, so I applied.

"My living environment was not the best for spiritual growth so I told the Lord if He didn't find me a place to stay, I was moving
back to Chicago. A week later He found me a place to stay in an Adventist home. The family taught me their beliefs and I accepted the message.

"When spring semester 2014 came around, I really wanted to go back to school. I told the Lord if He allowed me to get into Oakwood and live on campus, I would put communication aside and study Theology, and He opened the door for me to do just that. Two days before school started, I was cleared to live off campus, but that was not enough. I knew God had the funds to allow me to move on campus. The very next day God provided and now I'm an on-campus student at Oakwood University."

Filled with a zeal to spread the gospel, Demetrius has dedicated his summer to being a literature evangelist to help spread the love of God. Demetrius sends out a special thanks to the Oakwood family for being supportive through his walk at Oakwood, which has led to this moment.

**Oakwood Inducts 30 Students into Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity**

On April 24, the Department of History and Political Science inducted 30 students into the Oakwood University Pre-Law Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International. Established in 1902, Phi Alpha Delta is a professional law fraternity advancing integrity, compassion and courage through service to the student, the school, the profession and the community.

The officers of the organization are: Leandra Joseph, president; Daneal Barnaby, vice president, Briana Penn, secretary, Sesly Huerefano, treasurer; and Alexandria Carrington, chaplain.

Other inductees include: Dominique Amacker, Whitney Andrews, Caleb Briggs, Marcya Burden, Gabriel Carter, Daniel Chandler, Alex Colas, Claudine Delancy, Marcus Desir, Raven-Symone Edwards, Brittany Ellis, Diamond Harris, Safiya Hudson, Brittany Hughes, Urhiel Jordier, Melodie Kukome, Nia Langley, Kamesha Laurny, Brandon Parrish, Rachel Reid, Justine Revelle, Samantha Richardson, Marie Stephenson and Antoine Southern.

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Nursing (1)
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Biology (Department chair)
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Dean (School of Religion)
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Interested candidates to should submit their names and contact information to Garland Dulan, vice president of Academic Administration, at gdulan@oakwood.edu.

Faculty and Staff News

Congratulations to Cheryl L. Sullivan who is now an assistant vice president for research and employee services. Prior to this, Sullivan was the manager of payroll for the past seven years. She also served as a computer applications specialist in Administrative Systems for four years.

Alumni Notes

Over the course of the 2013-14 academic year, the Department of Allied Health has had several of its most recent pre-physical therapy graduates return to invest of their time in the department and its current students.

Ruth Guiness, ’13, is currently pursuing an M.S. in Exercise Physiology at Life University, Marietta, Ga. Guiness returned to campus during Fall 2013 while on her Christmas break to address the students of the Allied Health Club, encouraging them to follow their dreams and persevere despite obstacles.

Janelle Howell, ’13, is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Physical Therapy at the University of the Pacific in California. During her Spring Break 2014, Howell returned to
Also joining Howell on this initiative was Jessica Cartwright, ‘12, and Wayne Gordon, ‘13, both of whom are currently pursuing a Doctorate in Physical Therapy at Andrews University.

Pollard's Places

This past Sabbath, I presented a sermon at the Oakwood University Church titled “Courage for the Journey,” for Senior Sabbath. Program participants included members of the class of 2014, as this was the last Sabbath of the academic year. Special music was provided by the University Choir. In the sermon, I shared two items of advice with the upcoming graduates: 1) Don't let your outlook short-circuit your uplook. Anyone who locks in on their circumstances tends to forget to look up to our heavenly Father, and 2) God supports our vision with His provision. Resources follow vision. God never gives a vision that He doesn't resource, which has been proven time and time again at Oakwood University. On a daily basis, Oakwood University experiences God's providence. - Dr. Leslie N. Pollard

OU Picture of the Week

Earlier this week, tornadoes swept across the Tennessee Valley, prompting the Administration to close the campus of Oakwood University.
12:30 p.m. on Monday, and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Please continue to pray for those that were affected by the storms. *(Photo by Linda Anderson)*

### About Oakwood

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